1 Corinthians 15: 1-8, John 14: 6-14

FOCUS: Those who have gone before us can help us find our way to God.

In anticipation of summer, may of us plan our vacation; we look for places to go and how to get here. Several Internet web sites offer help by providing point-to-point driving directions. These services come in handy when we are going somewhere new or we need to refresh our memories on how to get to a place we have been before. For the most part the directions given are accurate, but there is always a disclaimer indicating that the user should do a reality check on order to become aware of any detours or construction areas which require adjusting the suggested route. As convenient as this high tech approach appears, there may still be unexpected problems or the trip may be longer than originally anticipated.

Throughout salvation history, humans have tried to shortcut the path to heaven. Their stories are wrought with failed attempts to find a quick and easy way to God even though the road has been clearly marked. We may be tempted to follow the path that the world sets before us. This way may seem more familiar, feel more comfortable, and require little risk on our part, but the success is short lived and the path is a dead end, leading nowhere. Fortunately, God is patient and understanding, and always offers us a way to get back on track whenever we think we have found a better way, but are mistaken.

It may bring us some comfort to know that the saints struggled with similar issues as evidenced in today's Gospel. We may feel that if we had the physical Jesus to lay out the course for us, we would not need anything more. But, a careful reading of the Gospels shows that those closest to Jesus often misunderstood or did not recognize the path he pointed out to them. Jesus said to Phillip, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?" We should not have any illusions that if Jesus were present to us, as he was for the disciples, that it would be so much easier to believe, and live our life for God. It just is not true.

Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life." Jesus is the only way to reach our desired goal; he has the necessary point-to-point living directions to make it safely to our final destination. The path may not be as comfortable as we would like, but those who have gone before us in faith, give witness to the fact that it is the correct path to follow.

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Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW)

Congratulations to the newly-inducted board of West Point's MCCW chapter!

May the Holy Spirit guide them in the upcoming year.

RCIA

MHT Catholic Chapel needs folks who will work with us in welcoming people into our Catholic Church. We have the funds to send you to a week long training session sponsored by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

One of the most important missions of any parish is to welcome people into our Church and to share our Faith with them.. The responsibility belongs to all of us, but specifically we need some parishioners to work with us on the **Rite of Christian Initiation** Team. No experience necessary, just a willingness to share faith with someone who is interested in our Catholic Faith. Please contact Father Vince or Kay Heppes for more information.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF May 4, 2003

Mon – Acts 6: 8-15, John 6: 22-29

Tue - Acts 7: 51—8: 1a, John 6: 30-35

Wed - Acts 8: 1b-8, John 6: 35-40

Thurs – Acts 8: 26-40, John 6: 44-51

Fri – Acts 9: 1-20, John 6: 52-59

Sat – Acts 9-31-42, John 6: 60-69

ANNOUNCED MASSES

3 May 1715 Parishioners of MHT Sat Sun 4 May 0900 Parishioners of MHT 4 May 1200 Parishioners of MHT Sun Mon 5 May 1205 Dorothy Wright 6 May 1205 Starla Burrell Tue Wed 7 May 1205 Howard Berean Thurs 8 May 1205

Fri 9 May 1205 Salvatore Pidala

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance 293 Offering \$2,055.00 This The Next Designated Offering: June 7 & 8 will be for "Sacred Heart"

HOST FAMILY FOR May 10-11

1715 Trainor 900 Kolsch

1100 **Knights of Columbus**

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS May 10-11

1715 D. Wolfe, L. Mumford, Cadet

0900 M. Phillips, B. Wilson, Cadet

1100 (4) Knights, M. Torres, D. McGurk, M. Vetter

USHERS FOR May 10-11

1715 Pat Kane

0900 Mark Boyle

1100 Knights of Columbus

ALTAR SERVERS May 10-11

1715 Reed Ragsdale, Kelsey Ragsdale, Kelsey Picciuto

0900 Cadet Joseph Tomasello, Cadet Rugarber

1100 (3) Knights of Columbus

PROCLAIMERS FOR May 10-11

1715 Dan Ragsdale, Deb Dalton

Bret & Bridget Wilson 0900

1100 Knights of Columbus

I have a question. Whom do I call? <u>Pastoral Coordinator</u>. Kate Hayden 938-8760

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Parish registration, Calendars, Bulletin, Maintenance, Room Scheduling, Purchase Orders, Mass Cards, Fund Requests.

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Wedding Coordinator....Lorraine Finn...932-2784
Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

<u>Director of Music</u>.... Meredith Baker...938-3544 Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

<u>Pastor</u>.... Fr. Vince Burns...938-3721 Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

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RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Wednesdays 1820-1930 MHT Chapel

PREGNANCY BLESSING

There will be a special blessing for pregnant women and their babies during the 1205 Mass on Monday May 5th..

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PARISH PICINIC & OUTDOOR MASS 4 MAY, 2003

Mass will be celebrated at Camp Buckner @ 1200. Food, Fun & Games will start

@ 1300.

Bring: Chairs or blanket,

a side dish— last names A-N

salads & side dishes, O-Z desserts.

Singles just come and enjoy; bring a friend. Lawn games and bathing suits for the kids.

Bus for cadets leaves Sup's box starting at 1100.

Important Dates for your Calendar:

3 May 5:15 Mass Confirmation 4 May Closing Para liturgy for

Religious Education

10 May 12:00 First Communion

29 May Ascension Thursday (Holy Day)

Prayers for Michael Kwinn III.

Michael Kwinn, III, son of LTCs Brigitte and Michael Kwinn is fighting cancer. The Most Holy Trinity Parish family has secured a medal of Mary of the Miraculous Medal that was touched by Mother Teresa of the Missionaries of Charity in 1997. Michael and his family have been blessed with the medal and are wearing the two medals. We are asking members of the parish family to pray to God for Michael's healing through the intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Mother Teresa whose is being considered for canonization to Sainthood. Please feel free to ask others.

Novena Prayer: O Immaculate Virgin Mary / Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, /Penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and never-failing intercession,/ manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal,/We your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this novena, / if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray./

(Healing of Michael Kwinn III)

You know, O Mary, how often our souls have

been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. / Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. / Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen

Jesus, we humbly ask you to glorify in heaven and on earth, the servant of God, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved Thee so much and labored for the glory of your heavenly Father and for the good of souls. With confidence, we beseech thee to grant us, through her intercession the grace of ...(Healing of Michael Kwinn III) which we ardently desire.

Pray: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen (3 times)

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